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SOUTH PIMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

RFGA # FTF-RC018-11-0315-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST SOUTH PIMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL COORDINATION OF SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM?

The primary focus of this strategy is to foster increased community capacity to provide high quality early childhood services that work together to create a cohesive early childhood system across the region through coordination of activities

The first component of this work includes identifying and convening service providers, community leaders and key players within and across the communities in each of the geographic areas, including public, nonprofit and for-profit agencies and organizations such as child care providers, mental health, education, business, child welfare, and faith-based organizations.

The second component of the work includes conducting an area specific assessment to identify available services and gaps in services, prioritizing needs (based on the recently completed needs and assets report), identifying the current level of coordination/partnerships among providers and those service providers willing to participate in coordination efforts; and establishing goals for enhancing coordination and collaboration in these areas. In addition, an assessment of the collaborating partners' readiness should occur.

The third component includes convening local and cross regional meetings of service providers, participating in interagency coordinating councils as appropriate, engaging service providers to support communications and information exchange networks, and coordinating community education and advocacy efforts.

The fourth component involves determining new or expanded services needed based on identified gaps and supporting partners in identifying and securing potential funding sources such as grants from business, philanthropic, and other public and private sources.

The final component involves providing training and professional development to the network of partners based on the identified needs of the participating organizations and community groups in strengthening partnerships, developing coordinated service delivery systems, and in seeking and applying for financial resources to increase the capacity of participating organizations to serve the region.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$100,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be February 1, 2011 - to June 30, 2011.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

October 13, 2010	RFGA available on-line
October 27, 2010	Pre-Application Conference 9:00 a.m. The City of Tucson Offices, Santa Cruz Room 330 North Commerce Park Loop in Tucson, Arizona 85745.
November 24, 2010	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 10:00 a.m.
February 1, 2011	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after October 13, 2010 <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC018-11-0315-00** in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.